Health Care Provider Fact Sheet

Disease Name Carnitine uptake deficiency

Alternate name(s) Systemic carnitine deficiency, Carnitine deficiency, Carnitine transporter

deficiency

Acronym SCD, CUD

Disease Classification Fatty Acid Oxidation Disorder

Variants N/A

Variant name N/A

Symptom onset Infancy or childhood with fasting hypoglycemia, weakness and/or

cardiomyopathy.

Symptoms Hypoketotic hypoglycemia, seizures, vomiting, lethargy progressing to

coma. Chronic muscle weakness, cardiomyopathy, hepatomegaly.

Natural history without treatment Non-progressive developmental delay due to hypoglycemia,

cardiomyopathy and muscle weakness.

Natural history with treatment Developmental delay, if present, is not reversed by treatment.

Cardiomyopathy and muscle weakness can be reversed by treatment.

Treatment Carnitine supplementation, no fasting.

Emergency Medical Treatment See sheet from American College of Medical Genetics (attached) or for

more information, go to website:

http://www.acmg.net/StaticContent/ACT/C0.pdf

Physical phenotype Cardiomyopathy, muscle weakness.

Inheritance Autosomal recessive

General population incidence 1/40,000 **Ethnic differences** No

Population N/A Ethnic incidence N/A

Enzyme location Muscle, heart, kidney, leukocytes and fibroblasts

Enzyme Function Transports carnitine into cells

Missing Enzyme Carnitine transporter

Metabolite changes Decreased free carnitine in plasma, increased carnitine in urine,

decreased carnitine in muscle.

Prenatal testing Protein analysis in cultured amniocytes, biochemical analyte testing. If a

mutation in a proband is detected, DNA prenatal diagnosis via CVS or

amniocytes is possible.

MS/MS Profile Reduced concentrations of free carnitine and various acylcarnitine

species.

OMIM Link http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/dispomim.cgi?id=212140

Genetests Link www.genetests.org

Support Group FOD Family Support Group

http://www.fodsupport.org

Save Babies through Screening Foundation

http://www.savebabies.org

Genetic Alliance

http://www.geneticalliance.org



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